IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA EASTERN DIVISION

LARRY JOE NORRELL,)
#1092197)
Plaintiff,))
v.) CASE NO. 3:24-cv-411-RAH-JTA) (WO)
PHENIX CITY PUBLIC)
TRANSPORTATION	
(PEX),)
Defendant.)

ORDER

This matter is before the court on *pro se* Plaintiff Larry Joe Norrell's Motion for Discovery, which also contains a "request that a pretrial hearing date be set by the magistrate judge." (Doc. No. 35.) The motion for discovery is premature. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d)(1) ("A party may not seek discovery from any source before the parties have conferred as required by Rule 26(f), except in a proceeding exempted from initial disclosure under Rule 26(a)(1)(B), or when authorized by these rules, by stipulation, or by court order."); (*see* Doc. No. 5 at 3 (July 29, 2024 Order explaining the procedures in civil cases, including the timing of discovery and the Rule 26(f) conference).) The motion for pretrial hearing is also premature. (*See* Doc. No. 5 at 3 ("After the court rules on any [dispositive] motions, and if any of Plaintiff's claims remain pending, a pretrial hearing will be held in advance of a trial.").)

Accordingly, it is ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The motion for discovery (Doc. No. 35) is DENIED.
- 2. The motion for pretrial hearing (Doc. No. 35) is DENIED.

DONE this 24th day of January, 2025.

JERUSHA T. ADAMS

UMITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE